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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., FEDERAL HOLIDAY COMMISSION EXTENSION ACT

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101st Congress

An Act

May 17, 1989
[H.R. 1385]

To make permanent the Martin Luther King, Jr., Federal Holiday Commission.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Martin Luther King, Jr., Federal Holiday Commission Extension Act.
36 USC 169j note.

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Martin Luther King, Jr., Federal Holiday Commission Extension Act".

SEC. 2. REMOVAL OF TERMINATION.

36 USC 169j-8.

(a) REMOVAL.—Section 9 of Public Law 98-399 (98 Stat. 1475) is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 9. The Commission shall continue in existence until April 20, 1994.".

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) FINDINGS.—Paragraph (3) of the first section of Public Law 98-399 (98 Stat. 1473) is amended by striking "first".

36 USC 169j.

(2) PURPOSES.—Section 3(1) of Public Law 98-399 (98 Stat. 1473) is amended by striking "first occurs on January 20, 1986" and inserting "occurs on the third Monday in January each year".

36 USC 169j-2.

36 USC 169j-8 note.

(c) REESTABLISHMENT AFTER TERMINATION.—If the date of the enactment of this Act occurs on or after April 20, 1989, the Martin Luther King, Jr., Federal Holiday Commission shall be reestablished on the date of the enactment of this Act with the same members and powers that the Commission had, as provided in Public Law 98-399 (98 Stat. 1473), on April 19, 1989 (subject to this Act and the amendments made by this Act).

SEC. 3. MEMBERSHIP.

(a) TERMS IN GENERAL.—Section 4(c) of Public Law 98-399 (98 Stat. 1474) is amended to read as follows:

36 USC 169j-3.

"(c)(1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3), members of the Commission shall be appointed not later than June 1 of each year for terms of 1 year, and any vacancy in the Commission shall be filled in the manner in which the original appointment was made. Any vacancy in the Commission shall not affect its powers.

Coretta Scott King.

"(2) Coretta Scott King shall serve as a member for life. In the event of a vacancy, her position on the Commission shall be filled by a member of the family surviving Martin Luther King, Jr., not already a member of the Commission, who shall be appointed by the family and shall serve as a member of the Commission at the discretion of the family.

"(3) The 2 members of the Commission appointed as members of the family surviving Martin Luther King, Jr., shall serve as members of the Commission at the discretion of the family.".

36 USC 169j-3 note.

(b) CONTINUATION OF TERMS OF EXISTING MEMBERS.—The individuals who are members of the Commission on the date of the enactment of this Act shall be considered to have been appointed

members for a term ending on the first June 1 that occurs after the date of the enactment of this Act (pursuant to section 4(a) of Public Law 98-399 (98 Stat. 1473) or section 2(c) of this Act, as appropriate).

SEC. 4. RESTRICTIONS ON ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION.

Section 6 of Public Law 98-399 (98 Stat. 1474) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection: 36 USC 169j-5.

"(c) In carrying out the responsibilities of the Commission under this Act, the Commission shall not make any expenditures, or receive or utilize any assistance in the form of the use of office space, personnel, or any other assistance authorized under subsection (b), for any of the following purposes—

"(A) training activities for the purpose of directing or encouraging—

"(i) the organization or implementation of campaigns to protest social conditions, and

"(ii) any form of civil disobedience.".

SEC. 5. REPORTS.

Section 8 of Public Law 98-399 (98 Stat. 1475) is amended by striking the period at the end and inserting the following: "with respect to the most recent observance of the Federal legal holiday honoring the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.". 36 USC 169j-7.

SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) AUTHORIZATION.—Section 7 of Public Law 98-399 (98 Stat. 1474) is amended to read as follows: 36 USC 169j-6.

"SEC. 7. There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act $300,000 for fiscal year 1989 and each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years.".

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) EXPENSES OF MEMBERS.—Section 4(d) of Public Law 98-399 (98 Stat. 1474) is amended by striking "subject to section 7" and inserting "subject to the availability of sufficient funds". 36 USC 169j-3.

(2) PAY FOR STAFF.—Section 6(a) of Public Law 98-399 (98 Stat. 1474) is amended by striking "Subject to section 7" and inserting "Subject to the availability of sufficient funds". 36 USC 169j-5.

SEC. 7. REPEALER.

Section 5(c) of Public Law 98-399 (98 Stat. 1474) is repealed. 36 USC 169j-4.

SEC. 8. BRONZE REPLICA OF DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.

(a) The Congress finds that:

(1) The ideas expressed in the Declaration of Independence have inspired freedom-loving people throughout the world.

(2) The eloquent language of the Declaration of Independence has stirred the hearts of the American people.

(3) The Declaration of Independence ranks as one of the greatest documents in human history.

(4) On July 2, 1952, a bronze replica of the Declaration of Independence was presented to Congress for display in the Rotunda of the United States Capitol.

(5) On July 22, 1988, the bronze replica of the Declaration of Independence was moved from the Rotunda of the Capitol to the small House Rotunda between the Capitol Rotunda and Statuary Hall.

(6) The bronze replica of the Declaration of Independence was replaced in the Rotunda by a bust of Martin Luther King, Jr.

(b) It is the sense of the Congress that the bronze replica of the Declaration of Independence should, forthwith, be returned to a place of prominence in the Rotunda of the United States Capitol where it shall remain on permanent display.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.R. 1385 (S. 431):

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Apr. 17, considered and passed House.
May 1, S. 431 considered in Senate.
May 2, H.R. 1385 considered and passed Senate, amended, in lieu of S. 431.
May 9, House concurred in Senate amendment.
WEEKLY COMPILATION OF PRESIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS, Vol. 25 (1989):
May 17, Presidential remarks.

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